Amendments to the Claims:

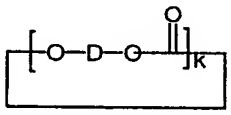
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-5.

Add the following:

Claim 6 (new). A cyclic (co)polycarbonate conforming structurally to general formulae (1a) or (1b),



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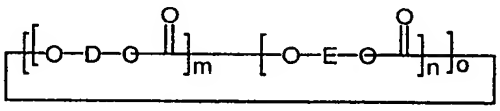

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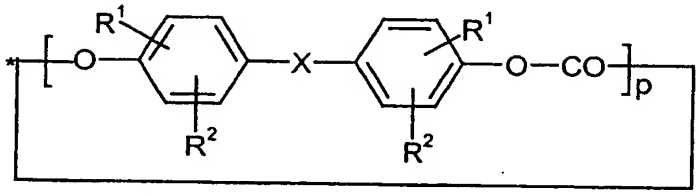
in which –D- and –E- independently denote an aromatic group having 6 to 40 C atoms, k stands for an integer from 1 to 4000 and m, n and o each independently of the other, stand for numbers from 1 to 4000.

Claim 7 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group contains heteroatoms.

Claim 8 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group is substituted with C_1-C_{12}-alkyl groups or halogen.

Claim 9 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of aliphatic group, cycloaliphatic group, aromatic nucleus and heteroatoms as a bridging link.

Claim 10 (new). A cyclic (co)polycarbonate conforming structurally to the general formula (2)



(2)

in which

R^1 and R^2 independently of each other denote H, linear or branched C_1-C_{18} alkyl- or alkoxy-, halogen aryl- or aralkyl group, X stands for a single bond, a C_1- to C_6-alkylene, C_2- to C_5-alkylidene-, C_5- to C_6-cycloalkylidene group, or a C_6- to C_{12}-arylene group and p stands for an integer from 1 to 4000.

Claim 11 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the aryl or aralkyl group is substituted.

Claim 12 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the C_5- to C_6-cycloalkylidene group is substituted by C_1- to C-$_6$-alkyl.

Claim 13 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the C_6- to C_{12}-arylene group is condensed with aromatic rings containing other heteroatoms.

Claim 14 (new). A process for the production of the (co)polycarbonate according to Claim 6 comprising dissolving diphenols in an aqueous alkaline solution to obtain a first solution and adding the first solution drop-by-drop, whilst stirring, concurrent with a carbonate source to a two-phase mixture of an aqueous alkaline solution, an organic solvent and a catalyst.

Claim 15 (new). The process of Claim 14 wherein the carbonate source is dissolved in a solvent.

Claim 16 (new). A molded article comprising the (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6.